

Appln. No. 09/630,411
Amd. dated January 2, 2004
Reply to Office Action of November 4, 2003

REMARKS

The Examiner's comments have been carefully reviewed by the Applicant. Claim 2 has been cancelled and with this amendment it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objections are moot. No other amendments have been made to the claims. It is noted that claim 1, itself, was not criticized and it is submitted that the cancellation of claim 2 eliminates any possible discrepancy. As regards the rejection in section 4 of the action, please note that claims 3-6 were not, and are not now, dependent from claim 2 and are not dependent from any claim that was rejected in section 4 of the action.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If the above amendment should not now place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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